

Comparison of S. Res. 400 and H.R. 1224 (Pike Resolution)

These two Resolutions are extremely similar. It is obvious that Pike adopted the bulk of S. Res. 400 making the changes necessary for a House Committee rather than a Senate Committee and changing a few substantive provisions of the Resolution. Following are the differences in the two:

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1. The Senate Committee is labelled a "Select Committee" while the House Committee would be a standing Committee. As a Select Committee, the Senate Committee is not subject to the rules applicable to standing committees. The proposed standing committee of the House would be subject to the rules applicable to the other standing committees, including XI, 2(e)(2) which gives all Members access to all committee records. The Senate Committee has other attributes of standing committees, e.g. permanency, legislative authority, etc.

MEMBERSHIP

2. Membership of the House Committee would be 9 to 13 members, with no designated seats. (Senate - 15 members, plus 2 ex-officio, 8 designated seats)

The Committee would not have a fixed majority-minority ratio, but would reflect overall House membership. (Senate - 8 majority, 7 minority)

The House Resolution adds "the Committee membership should reflect a broad representation of political and philosophical views." (Senate - no such language in the Resolution, although Mansfield expressed this intent)

There is a six-year maximum term of service. (Senate - 8 years)

Staff are limited to six years employment. (Senate - no limit)

There is no Vice Chairman. (Senate - ranking minority is Vice Chairman)

JURISDICTION

3. The jurisdiction of the House Committee would be identical to the Senate Committee, except that authorization bills would not be subject to sequential referral. (I believe this would give us greater budget secrecy problems.)

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY OF AGENCIES

4. The reporting responsibility of the head of each department or agency to keep the Committee fully and currently informed and to furnish information or documents in the agency's possession are not labelled "sense of the House" provisions.

SPECIAL STUDY

5. Of the nine points to be the subject of a special study by the Senate Committee, the House Committee would only undertake a study of five of these and with no deadline for completion of this study. (Senate deadline is 1 July 1977)

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Representative Pike has introduced a resolution in the House which would set up a committee with a charter extremely similar to that of the new Senate Select Committee. I have drawn up the attached comparison of S. Res. 400 and the Pike resolution. George Cary thought you might be interested in it.

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